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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants request that the following amendments be entered:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph after line 5 and before the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" on page 7:

--Reference characters not explicitly defined in a figure are understood to be the same as in prior figures, where applicable.--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-18; and amend claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 19-24 to read as follows:

 (Amended) A method for operating a system comprising a central service facility connected to a remotely located <u>medical</u>